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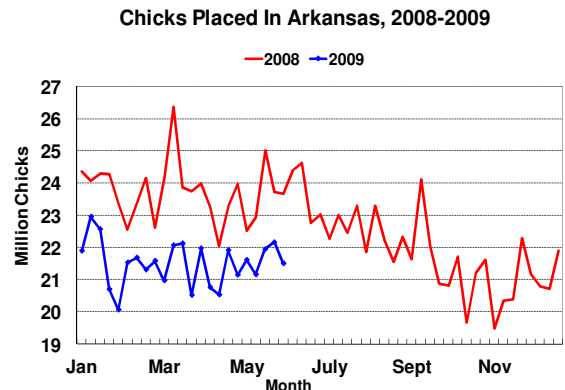
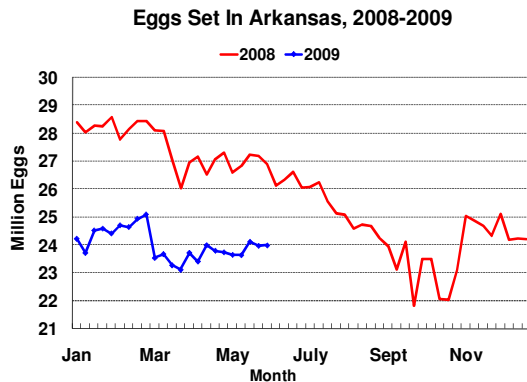


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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 9 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.5 million during the week ending June 6, 2009. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2008 and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 6, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but virtually unchanged from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, May 9, 2009 - June 6, 2009

| State | Eggs Set | | | | | Chicks Placed | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Week Ending | | | | | Week Ending | | | | |
| | 9-May | 16-May | 23-May | 30-May | 6-Jun | 9-May | 16-May | 23-May | 30-May | 6-Jun |
| <i>Thousand</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alabama | 29,362 | 29,575 * | 29,937 * | 29,866 * | 28,744 | 21,084 | 20,755 | 20,750 * | 20,188 * | 21,259 |
| Arkansas | 23,649 | 23,638 * | 24,116 | 23,971 | 23,990 | 21,626 | 21,171 | 21,957 | 22,177 | 21,514 |
| Delaware | 3,579 | 3,760 | 3,624 | 3,587 | 3,579 | 4,721 * | 5,417 * | 5,016 * | 4,990 * | 5,142 |
| Florida | 995 | 992 | 992 | 1,081 | 1,083 | 821 | 870 | 718 | 715 | 707 |
| Georgia | 31,659 | 32,085 | 31,618 | 31,845 | 32,383 | 26,110 | 25,906 | 26,603 * | 26,786 * | 27,054 |
| Kentucky | 7,850 * | 7,997 * | 8,098 | 8,202 | 7,959 | 6,769 | 5,968 | 6,806 | 6,871 | 6,206 |
| Louisiana | 2,230 | 2,230 | 2,245 | 2,260 | 2,260 | 1,888 | 1,902 | 1,917 | 1,933 | 1,922 |
| Maryland | 8,700 | 8,803 | 8,870 | 8,599 | 8,849 | 6,571 * | 5,746 * | 5,629 * | 6,330 * | 6,251 |
| Mississippi | 18,367 | 18,587 | 18,372 | 18,593 | 18,854 | 16,072 | 16,311 | 15,625 | 16,324 | 16,600 |
| N. Carolina | 18,806 | 18,345 * | 18,368 | 18,513 | 18,160 | 15,659 | 15,284 | 15,475 | 15,851 * | 15,527 |
| Oklahoma | 7,081 | 6,927 * | 6,683 | 6,751 * | 6,913 | 4,417 | 4,701 | 3,784 | 4,288 * | 4,887 |
| Pennsylvania | 4,182 | 3,667 | 3,863 | 3,706 * | 3,867 | 3,098 | 3,095 | 3,005 | 3,107 * | 2,946 |
| S. Carolina | 5,905 | 5,629 | 5,594 | 5,831 | 5,589 | 5,862 | 5,019 | 5,085 | 4,858 | 4,522 |
| Texas | 15,157 * | 15,352 * | 15,490 * | 15,768 * | 15,754 | 13,359 * | 13,010 * | 12,637 * | 13,413 * | 13,369 |
| Virginia | 6,381 | 6,401 | 6,272 | 6,285 | 6,328 | 4,996 | 5,129 | 5,365 | 4,556 | 4,883 |
| CA,MO,TN & WV | 19,913 | 19,996 | 18,797 * | 19,876 * | 19,941 | 16,605 | 17,378 | 16,782 * | 16,966 | 17,518 |
| 19 State Total | 203,816 * | 203,984 * | 202,939 * | 204,734 * | 204,253 | 169,658 * | 167,662 * | 167,154 * | 169,353 * | 170,307 |
| Prev. Year Total | 215,106 | 218,063 | 217,208 | 216,910 | 217,504 | 177,253 | 175,827 | 177,324 | 177,037 | 179,821 |
| % of Prev. Year | 95 | 94 | 93 | 94 | 94 | 96 | 95 | 94 | 96 | 95 |

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 6 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 6, 2009. This was down 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 6, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through June 6, 2009 were 3.86 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.